

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WILLIAMS & COMPANY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-01-11 WRU-01-22-3547 TF-01-158
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**ORDER ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL AND CANCELING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

(Issued August 6, 2001)

On May 11, 2001, Williams & Company Communications, Inc. (Williams), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29, to provide local exchange services throughout Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-01-11.

Williams stated that it intended to offer local exchange service in the service territory of Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Citizens Communications Company (Citizens), Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier). Williams requested the authority to provide local exchange service and high speed internet access service using a combination of its own facilities, leased facilities, and the resale of facilities. Williams stated that it provided internet service to 6,200 customers throughout Iowa and did not initially plan to offer switched basic telephone service.

On July 23, 2001, the Board issued an order docketing the Williams' application and establishing a procedural schedule for the filing of testimony and an

evidentiary hearing. By letter filed July 25, 2001, Williams has indicated that it wishes to withdraw its application and concentrate its resources on its high-speed internet business which offers data only service.

The Board will accept Williams' withdrawal of its application. If at some point Williams decides to offer switched local exchange service in Iowa, it may file another application. The Board will also cancel the procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for providing local telecommunications services filed by Williams & Company Communications, Inc., on May 11, 2001, is withdrawn and these dockets are closed.
2. The procedural schedule established for this docket is canceled.

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/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper _____
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of August, 2001.